

'I HAVE FORGOTTEN WHAT MOST OF THE BEE GEES TOGETHER! 'FOR GOOD' SAYS BARRY

IF it is the start of a trend for the splitting groups to get back together again, then so much the better. But if it is an isolated instance — the exception that proves the rule — then it is enough on its own. The Bee Gees are back together again.

"And this time it is for good," said eldest Gibb brother Barry. "We know that there will be people who don't believe the fighting is over. The way we will prove them wrong is by staying together from now on."

A new single "Lonely Days" released last week: A 12 track album "2 Years On," due off the presses of Polydor Records on November 27th. Top of the Pops this week, a major TV appearance on Boxing Day, shows in Holland and Germany, a tour of the United States in the Spring.

ARGUING LAWYERS

Robin Gibb explained, "We had all been together the night before — but with our lawyers, arguing about the same things that we had been arguing about for months."

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HURT

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EVEN WORSE

If it is any consolation to you, the hurt was even worse for us than it was for you.

Our mother, Mrs. Barbara Gibb, has now taken over the Fan Club, and will be getting in touch with you as soon as possible. You should all have received a poster with the cover picture from the new album "2 Years On." Not much, we know, but a start.

The most important thing to us is to know that we haven't lost too many of our old friends. Thank you for everything.

WON'T BE SHATTERED

Barry Gibb said, "We know that there are people in the business who have to be convinced that we mean what we say. So we won't be shattered if 'Lonely Days' meets with resistance."

"But we all think that over the next few months we will be able to convince them that we haven't lost any of the old spark."

And Maurice Gibb added, "I think that we are much more of a group now than we ever were. It was something that we had to do, and we all found out what it was like to be on our own. It was lonely, we had no one to share our songs with."

During the long months of headlined fighting, the telephone calls that kept the Gibbs in touch were less well documented.

Though the gulf seemed unbridgeable up to the very last

Message to our fans...

If there has been one bright spot through the past troubled time, it has been the letters that you have written. You can't have any idea how much they did to bring us back together again.

It was something that we all wanted, but we all had our pride to swallow, to apologise to each other, and that is never a very easy thing to do.

But to know that so many of you were concerned enough about us to write to tell us that you would still be with us if we did settle our differences — well, that often brightened up a black day.

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But before we did we had a bit of a thrash with champagne on the roof garden.

The end of the feud was as undramatic as all that had gone before it was filled with drama.

Maurice said, "Everything had been too emotional before.

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